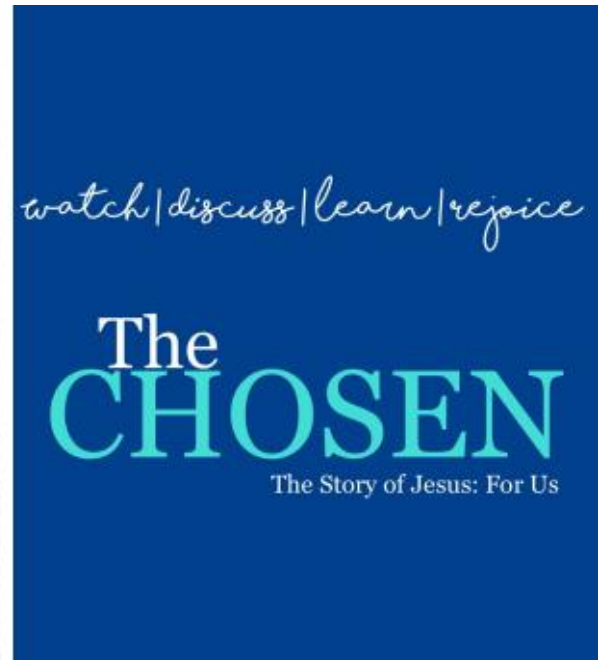


Group Guide



For listening, discussion & reflection

S2 EPISODE 2- I Saw You



EPISODE 2

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ John 1:19-51 ▶ Ezekiel 39:6-10
- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ▶ Psalm 27:7-95

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Thaddeus, Phillip, Nathanael, Andrew & Peter, Thomas, Rema, Mary Magdalene, Matthew

QUICK SUMMARY

A mysterious visitor seeks to meet Jesus, but the disciples are hesitant. Tension builds between Simon and Matthew. As the group heads to a new city, word arrives that Jesus' fame is growing.

After reading through the summary, watch this episode, then work through the following reflection questions:

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who invited you to "come see Jesus?" Any stories?

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG idea from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you first share with someone about this episode and how God spoke to you through it?)

Bring to Group:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

EPISODE 2 QUESTIONS

1. Phillip played several roles in the episode, but he played a key role in bringing Nathanael to Jesus. Nathanael said, "I've never seen you talk like this." What will it take for you to talk so compellingly about

Jesus to someone?

2. What can you conclude by Jesus' being aware of Nathanael's lowest moment?
3. What joke did Phillip tell Matthew to help him loosen up? What did you think about the way he related with Matthew?
4. Matthew said he felt "outside the circle." What did he mean, and can you identify?
5. We see another instance of the life of Jesus being written down in Matthew's journal. Why is that meaningful?
6. Peter advocated for more structure. What was he really wanting?
7. Jesus said, "Each brings something unique to the whole. I want every voice heard. We can all learn something from each other. " It seems to echo Paul's teaching about spiritual gifts. Why do we need each other?
8. What other observations did you have?
9. Nathanael's plans for his life ended abruptly. Share a time when you experienced disillusionment or missed expectations in life. Did your faith falter or help you through this season?
10. Do you believe people outside the faith that know you still define you by your past or do they see you've changed? Explain.
11. Who's friendship with you has helped you the most to follow Jesus? Can you share any stories of how?
12. How do you see the difference between following Jesus and Christianity as a "religion?"

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

Renew and Refresh – This week read John 1:19-51

Self-Check

o Seeing how Jesus responded to the tensions among the disciples, is there someone in your life that differences are causing you to treat poorly? What would Christ instruct you to do with regard to this person?

o Nathanael was in a dark place in this episode. Are you in a "good place" right now as far as how you feel your life is unfolding? How are you handling disappointments currently? Are you drawing toward God or pulling back right now? What could you do to help your situation?

Go Forth – Phillip was passionate when he invited Nathanael to come see Jesus. Who would you passionately invite to "come see Jesus?" What would you invite them to? (Would they watch any of the Chosen episodes?)

Pray – Thank your heavenly Father for never turning away from you – even in your dark times. Ask Him to stir passion in you for His ways and to talk about Him with others.

QUOTES

"I don't know what he sees in me." -Matthew

"I was something else once too. They want to define us by our past, our sins." -Phillip